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COUNTRY Eastern Germany

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REPORT NO.

TO: Soviet Troop Trains

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS The 1st, 3d, 7th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 13th, 15th and 16th shipments

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in paragraph 4

were previously reported

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1. Troop shipments between 19 and 21 July 1952 included:

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Date in July	Number of boxcars with troops	From	To
19	47	Frankfurt/Oder	Gerdauen
20	22	Frankfurt/Oder;	Jueterbog-Altes Lager
21	16	Frankfurt/Oder;	Musstrin-Kietz;

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2. The following troop trains

district between 6 and 8 August:

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Date in August	Composition of Trains	From	To
6	13 boxcars with troops	Forst Zinna	Dallgow-Doberitz
	9 boxcars with troops and 36 flatcars with AA guns and trucks	Forst Zinna	Dallgow-Doberitz
	21 flatcars with AA guns and trucks	Forst Zinna	Dallgow-Doberitz

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8	12 boxcars with troops	Luckenwalde	Neustrelitz
	38 flatcars with troops	Luckenwalde	Neustrelitz
	8 boxcars and 19 flatcars with troops	Frankfurt/Oder	Rostock

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3. Military shipments observed at Frankfurt/Oder between 25 and 27 July included:

On 25 July. 34 boxcars with soldiers to Cottbus.

On 27 July. 40 boxcars with soldiers from Kuestrin; and 38 boxcars with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets from Guben which were unloaded at Frankfurt/Oder. (3)

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4. The following troop trains [redacted] between 8 and 10 August:

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<u>Date in August</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
8	undetermined	Deessau	Eberswalde
	50 cars	Luckenwalde	Neustrelitz
9	41 cars	Halle	Eberswalde
	3 boxcars and 2 converted boxcars 8 flatcars	Sporenberg	Wittenberg
		Prennitz	Schwepnitz
	29 cars	Luckenwalde	Neustrelitz
	6 converted boxcars 42 flatcars	Mockrehna	Forst Zinna
	6 boxcars, 35 flatcars and 4 SS-type flatcars	Eilenburg	Forst Zinna
	35 cars	Frankfurt/Oder	Wolmirstedt;
10	6 boxcars, 37 flatcars and 5 SS-type flatcars	Mockrehna	Forst Zinna
	51 cars	Aschersleben	Eberswalde
	Undetermined	Wittenberg	Sporenberg
	2 boxcars, 11 converted boxcars and 26 flatcars	Aschersleben	Eberswalde
	5 boxcars and 37 flatcars	Luckenwalde	Neustrelitz

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14 boxcars and 30 flatcars	Aschersleben	Eberswalde	(4)
15 boxcars and 38 flatcars	Aschersleben	Eberswalde	(4)
12 boxcars and 11 flatcars	Wittenberg	Wuensdorf	25X1 (9)
1 boxcar, 5 converted boxcars 18 flatcars	Neubukow	Dallgow- Doberitz	(10)

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Comments.

- (1) [redacted] a shuttle train for soldiers left Jueterbog for the Cottbus railroad district, and two small trains left Frankfurt/Oder toward Poland between 18 and 21 July 1952. [redacted] It could not be said whether the trains mentioned in the reference report were empty or loaded with soldiers, nor can it be determined if they are identical with first or third train mentioned in paragraph 1 of the present report. Similar eastbound

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- (2) The troop trains from Forst Zinna to Dallgow-Doberitz probably carried components of the 1st Mecz Div returning to their home station. Units left Doberitz on 31 July 1952 by train and returned there by train on 6 August 1952. [redacted] The troop trains to Neustrelitz carried components of the 9th Gds Tank Div which had moved to the Jueterbog troop training grounds on 2 and 3 August 1952 and returned to Neustrelitz as their home station. One of the trains returning to Neustrelitz was previously

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[redacted] present report possibly carried components of the 32nd AAA Div (US).

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- (3) Further information is required to identify these three shipments and to compare them with other trains with soldiers which have been previously reported.
- (4) The six troop trains to Eberswalde probably carried the same units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army, including elements of the army headquarters and components of the 63d AAA Div (US), which had left Eberswalde between 25 and 29 July 1952, allegedly for Altengrabow. Possibly these trains had been dispatched westward before they had reached Altengrabow. Although there is no indication that the rail movements of units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army are connected with the command-post field exercise in the Finsterwalde area, the connection is believed possible, especially as the dates coincide.
- (5) These troop trains may have carried AAA or engineer units.
- (6) Preetitz as the dispatching station is indicative of the movement of a small detail of the 25th RL Brig of the IV Arty Corps.
- (7) It may be possible that the troop trains to Forst Zinna carried units returning to their home stations from the command-post exercise which had started in the Finsterwalde area in mid-July 1952.
- (8) The train from Frankfurt/Oder to Wolmirstedt probably carried new vehicles

- (9) [redacted] is unidentified.

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- (10) The train probably carried an AAA unit of the 1st Mecz Div which returned to Dallgow-Doberitz from Neubukow. Vehicles of this division, however, have not been previously observed in the Wustrow area. There is also no reliable information that the above mentioned troops moved to the Wustrow AAA range.

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